liquid paraffin and 1-30% by weight of butyl rubber, wherein the adhesive mass is supported on a backing.

2. (Amended) A tape preparation as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the effect of the local anesthetic lasts for 24 to 72 hours.

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3. (Twice Amended) A tape preparation as claimed in Claim 1 which causes stratum corneum abrasion only to a slight extent even when applied continuously for a long period of time.

4. (Twice Amended) A tape preparation as claimed in Claim 1 which is excellent in duration of effect on alleviating pains due to herpes zoster or postherpetic neuralgia.

5. (Twice Amended) A tape preparation as claimed in Claim 1 which is excellent in duration of effect on alleviating pains on the occasion of high frequency therapy or laser therapy, pains upon treatment of liver spots or dark red birthmarks, pains upon biopsy, pains on the occasion of skin grafting for the treatment of thermal burns, or pains on the occasion of treatment of molluscum contagiosum.

6. (Twice Amended) A tape preparation as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the local anesthetic is selected from the group consisting of lidocaine, procaine, oxyprocaine, dibucaine, tetracaine, bupivacaine, mepivacaine, and propitocaine.

7. (Amended) A tape preparation as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the local anesthetic is lidocaine.

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10. (Amended) A tape preparation as claimed in Claim 1 which causes stratum corneum abrasion only to a slight extent even when applied continuously for a long period of time, and is excellent in duration of effect on alleviating pains due to herpes zoster or postherpetic neuralgia.

11. (New) The preparation of Claim 1, wherein the alicyclic saturated hydrocarbon is present in an amount of from 10-50%.

12. (New) The preparation of Claim 1, wherein the styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer is present in an amount of from 10-40%.

13. (New) The preparation of Claim 1, wherein the liquid paraffin is present in an amount of 10-40%.

14. (New) The preparation of Claim 1, wherein the butyl rubber is present in an amount of from 5-15%.

15. (New) The preparation of Claim 1, wherein the butyl rubber has a molecular weight of not less than 400,000.

16. (New) The preparation of Claim 1, wherein the local anesthetic in a base form is present in an amount of from 5-20%.

17. (New) The composition of Claim 1 further comprising a filler, an antioxidant or a mixture thereof.

18. (New) The preparation of Claim 1, wherein the backing has a thickness of from 50-500 μm.

19. (New) The preparation of Claim 1, wherein the adhesive mass comprises five parts of lidocaine, 22 parts of the styrene-isoprene-styrene block copolymer, five parts of the butyl rubber, 33 parts of the alicyclic saturated hydrocarbon resin, 30 parts of the liquid paraffin, 5 parts of titanium oxide, and 0.1 part antioxidants.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 10-19 are active in the present application. Claims 8 and 9 have been canceled. Claim 1 has been amended to limit the local anesthetic to local anesthetics in their